



Councilmember Jim Graham

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Councilmember Graham introduced the following bill, which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

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To amend Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to exempt from taxation  
certain property of, and to provide equitable real property tax relief to, the Florida Avenue  
Baptist Church, a tax-exempt religious organization.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
act may be cited as the "Florida Avenue Baptist Church Real Property Tax Exemption and  
Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2001".

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Sec. 2. Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code is amended as follows:

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(a) The table of contents to the chapter is amended by adding a new section designation,

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"§ 47-1051. Florida Avenue Baptist Church, lots 28 and 27 in Square 3078, and lot 49 in Square  
475."

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(b) A new section 47-1051 is added to read as follows:

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"The properties located in the District of Columbia described as lots 28 and 27 in square 1  
3078, also known as 1910 and 1912 Bohrer Street, N.W., and lot 49 in square 475, situated in the 2  
1800 block of 6th Street, N.W., owned, occupied and used by the Florida Avenue Baptist 3  
Church, are hereby exempt from all taxation so long as these same properties continue to be 4  
owned and occupied, and not used for commercial purposes, subject to the provisions of § 47- 5  
1002, providing for exemption of certain real properties." 6

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia orders that all real property taxes, 7  
interest, penalties, fees, and other related charges assessed against the Florida Avenue Baptist 8  
Church for the period of October 1, 1986, to September 30, 1999, on real property located at 9  
1910 and 1912 Bohrer Street N.W., lots 28 and 27 in square 3078, and the 1800 block of 6th 10  
Street, N.W., lot 49 in square 475, be forgiven and any payments already made for this period be 11  
refunded. 12

#### Sec. 4. Fiscal Impact Statement 13

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal 14  
impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and 15  
Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code §1- 16  
233(c)(3)). 17

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto 18  
by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial 19

Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the 1  
District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, 2  
approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), a 30-day period of 3  
Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule 4  
Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in 5  
the District of Columbia Register. 6